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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 396

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A RESOLUTION To honor and recognize Mark Simmons, 2001
Valedictorian of Community High School.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Mark Simmons is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2001 graduating class at Community High School; and

WHEREAS, Through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mark has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, In his remarkable high school career, Mark has earned an exemplary 97.23 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, A natural leader, Mark served as the President of NHS, the Drama Club, and the High School Bowling League; and

WHEREAS, Voted "Most Intellectual" by the Senior Class, Mark was awarded the D.A.R. Good Citizen Award; and

WHEREAS, He performed in *A Christmas Carol* and *Proposals* and received an "All Star Cast" Award for his performance in the Smokestack Theatre Festival; in addition, Mark organized a theatre group and quartet at his church, Fairlane Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Mark's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, where he plans to major in pre-physical therapy; and

WHEREAS, Mark's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Simmons, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mark Simmons's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2001 Community High School Valedictorian, Mark Simmons, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.